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More than a year before this patent application was filed, the assignee of the application had used a modeling system in which (a) a general file structure could be used to link old models to particular projects, (b) a method of multiple imputation was used to impute missing values, (c) early approaches to variable splining and binning were used, (d) independent choices were made by a model developer of largely traditional steps and methods to be included in a model, and (e) multi-product models were used.

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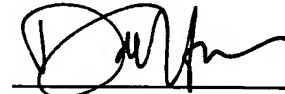
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